

WASHINGTON, DC—Congressman Peter DeFazio (D-Springfield) will present two Bronze Star medals February 3, 2011, one posthumously, to U.S. Army veterans for heroic or meritorious service in the European and Pacific Theaters during World War II. He will also present a posthumous Prisoner of War medal to the daughter of a U.S. Army Sergeant who was held prisoner for 26 months during World War II.

President Roosevelt authorized the Bronze Star medal by Executive Order in 1944 to recognize that U.S. Army ground troops endured great hardships and suffered some of the heaviest losses of the war. The Prisoner of War medal is awarded to any member of the Armed Forces who is captured and held in combat by hostile forces.

Major Travis Lee of the 1/186 Infantry, Oregon National Guard, will assist with the Bronze Star medals presentations.

In the last year, Congressman DeFazio has helped 26 qualified World War II veterans in his congressional district receive their Bronze Star medals. Many veterans still do not know they are eligible for the award. Additionally, Congressman DeFazio continues to assist veterans of other wars receive awards they earned while in uniform.

World War II U.S. Army veterans or their family members are encouraged to contact

Congressman DeFazio's office to learn more about eligibility information and assistance with military medals.

The following veterans will be honored at the ceremony:

Bronze Star recipient: Staff Sergeant Robert Monett of Sutherlin

Posthumous Bronze Star Award: Ronald Yockim for Corporal Daniel Yockim of Roseburg

Posthumous Prisoner of War Medal: Shirley Owens for Sergeant Stanley Tucker of Sutherlin

The details of the event are below:

What: **Bronze Star Medals and Prisoner of War Presentation**

When: **February 3, 2011**

□ **1:30 – 2:15 PM**

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Where: □□□□□□ Roseburg VA Medical Center Auditorium

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